

HOUSE BILL 2767

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-116 and Title 70, relative to certain shooting ranges on lands managed by the Tennessee wildlife resources agency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-116(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by deleting the language "All law enforcement agencies" and by substituting instead the language "Except as provided in subdivision (2), all law enforcement agencies".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-116(a), is further amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (2):

(2) Any shooting range, including a sport firing range or a firearm or archery shooting range, on lands managed by the Tennessee wildlife resources agency in the wildlife management areas shall be open during normal business hours to all persons possessing a Tennessee hunting license. The TWRA shall establish reasonable regulations for the use of the ranges to ensure that each such person shall have an opportunity to use the range at or within a time frame requested by each such person. The TWRA may charge a reasonable fee for persons or organizations using the range and may require users to make improvements to the range.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-5-101(f), is amended by deleting subdivision (8)(A) in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-5-101(f), is amended by adding the following language at the end of subdivision (1):

Consistent with § 38-8-116(a)(2), any firearm or archery shooting range on lands managed by the wildlife resources agency shall be open to access and use during normal business hours to all persons possessing a Tennessee hunting license.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-224, is amended by adding the following language as a new second sentence:

Consistent with § 38-8-116(a)(2), any sport firing range on lands managed by the wildlife resources agency shall be open to access and use during normal business hours to all persons possessing a Tennessee hunting license.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.